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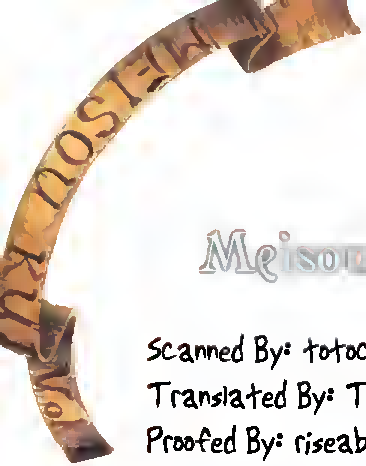

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Rustle
Rustle
YOU CAN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THE TIME CAPSULE BURIED HERE.
OK, REI?
IT'S A SECRET BETWEEN JUST THE TWO OF US...

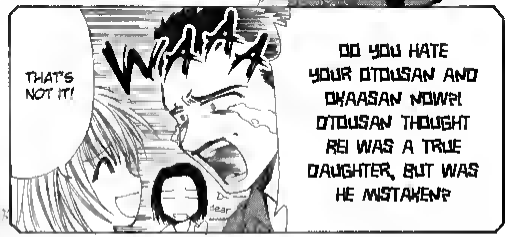
1ST STAGE:
WHITE MEMORIES

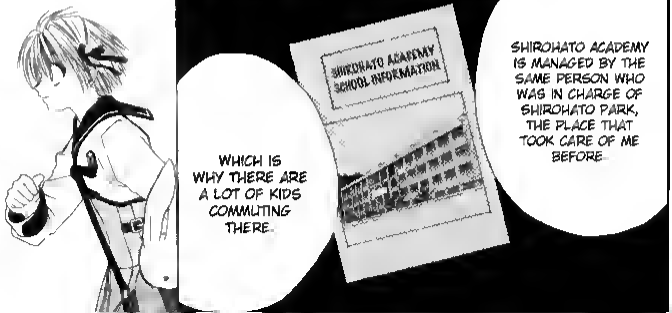
I know it's something I can't reach,
but at the very least,
let me see it off until it disappears.

RING
AH, OTOUSAN?! YEP, I'M GOING TO THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE CEREMONY RIGHT NOW
UM, UH, WHAT BUTTON WAS IT AGAIN...?
RING
BEEP
YUP, IT'S ALL RIGHT I'VE EVEN BECOME FRIENDS WITH MY ROOMMATE! YUP, BYE!

Even though you're going to a dormitory, try your hardest, Rei!

Thank you, otousan, okaasan

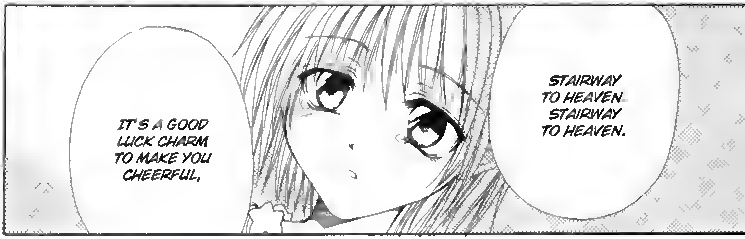



SHIROHATO ACADEMY SCHOOL INFORMATION
WHICH IS WHY THERE ARE A LOT OF KIDS COMMUTING THERE.
SHIROHATO ACADEMY IS MANAGED BY THE SAME PERSON WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF SHIROHATO PARK, THE PLACE THAT TOOK CARE OF ME BEFORE.

WOW!

When I was 11 years old, my parents passed away and I was taken in by the child protection institution, Shirohato Park.
IT'S THE STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN!
Because of the shock of my parents' death, I don't remember much from that time.
Hic
Hic
Hic
Hic
ONIICHAN... I WANT TO MEET PAPA AND MAMA.
WHAT'S WRONG?
The face of the person I saw with eyes that were smudged with tears was blurred,
but...
REI, LOOK AT THE LIGHT FLOWING IN FROM AMONG THE CLOUDS.

THAT'S CALLED THE STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN.


IT'S A GOOD LUCK CHARM TO MAKE YOU CHEERFUL.
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN. STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN.

That good luck charm has given me a lot of power.
SO THAT YOUR HEART WOULD HURRY AND FLOW WITH LIGHT

SHOCK
I'm so heartless for forgetting him!
Ever since the Shirohato Park closed and I was taken in by my foster parents, I have wanted to search for that person because I wanted to see him.
"It's a secret between just the two of us."
And then we shared a big secret.
But...
glare
But since I couldn't remember his face or name, I couldn't search for him.
I will tell him that it's thanks to him that I am happy now.
I am definitely going to find him and express my gratitude.
he could be coming to this school, too!
HMM?

A person...?
It couldn't be... suicide?!
SLAM
DON'T BE SO HASTY!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

CLANK
CLANK
YOU DEFINITELY CAN'T COMMIT
HUH?
SUICIDE!!
GRAB
WHA
FALL
W-WAIT...

Rise

HUH?
THANK GOD I SAVED YOU!!
PAIN...
YOU WON'T SAVE ME...
CHICK
CHICK

IF YOU DIE YOU'LL BE ON THE OTHER SIDE!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ANYONE ANYMORE!

BECAUSE IF YOU DIE,
YOU'LL BE ON THE OTHER SIDE...

M... MY PARENTS... DIED IN AN ACCIDENT...
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
SO YOU CAN'T COMMIT SUICIDE.
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE SO HAPPY...
AH, BUT NOW I'M ALL RIGHT!
OH THAT MUST'VE BEEN PRETTY HARSH

WHEN MY PARENTS DIED, ALL I DID WAS CRY.
BUT THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO WOULD ENCOURAGE ME AND NOW I'M HAPPY.
SO,
SO ..
AND NOW I HAVE NEW PARENTS.
THEY WORRY A BIT TOO MUCH BUT THEY'RE REALLY, REALLY GOOD PEOPLE
YOU CAN'T COMMIT SUICIDE!

There are definitely some good things out there...
hic
hic
AND SO YOU'RE GOING AROUND PREACHING TO PEOPLE ON SUICIDE WATCH?
PREACHING?! THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
Nap
Nap
I WANTED THAT.
Point
Eh?!
Clap
AND BESIDES I WASN'T THINKING OF COMMITTING SUICIDE
HUH? THEN.
WHY WERE YOU STANDING ON THE FENCE?!
HUH? THE CLOUDS?

CLUNK CLUNK
ouch
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
BUT IF YOU FAIL, YOU DIE!
IT...
DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHETHER I LIVE OR DIE
KAWASAKI!
SLAM

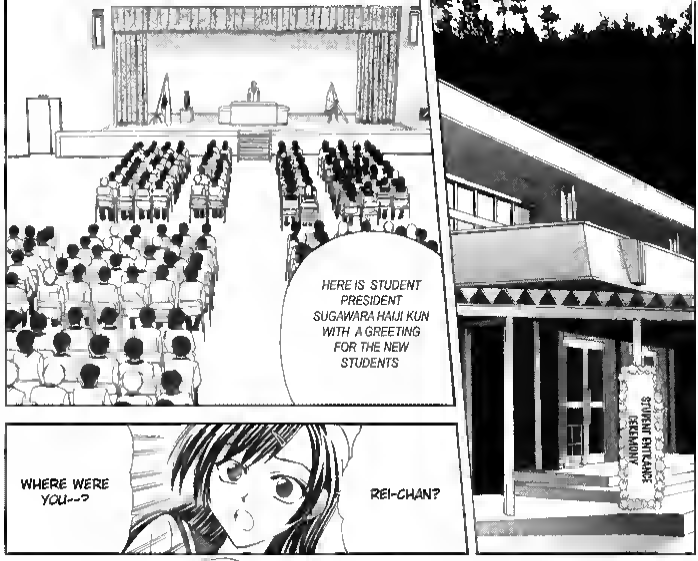
ARE YOU A NEW STUDENT?! YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE!!
RISE
AH! OH, NO— THE STUDENT ENTRANCE CEREMONY!!
YOU AGAIN! DIDN'T I TELL YOU THE ROOFTOP WAS OFF LIMITS?!
AH, SORRY.
SENSEI! WHERE'S THE GYMNASIUM?!
FLAP
FLAP
OH, BOY... I'LL TAKE YOU THERE
SEE YA, AMASAWA REI...

HUH?
HE'S KAWASAKI ISSEI, A SOPHOMORE HERE
Could he be...?
Does he know me?
HE'S CONSTANTLY PULLING OFF SHAM SUICIDE ACTS ON US LIKE HE DID JUST NOW. HE'S REALLY PROBLEMATIC.
SENSEI... THAT BOY...
OH, HIM...

Shirahata P Memories
DID SHE FORGET THIS ?
Amasawa Rei
flap

SHE'S PLAYING IN THE SAND!!
Shirahata Park Memories

THIS COULDN'T BE SOMETHING YOU SENT, RIGHT?


HERE IS STUDENT PRESIDENT SUGAWARA HAIJI KUN WITH A GREETING FOR THE NEW STUDENTS
STUDENT ENTRANCE CEREMONY

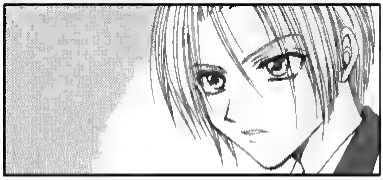
WHERE WERE YOU--?
REI-CHAN?

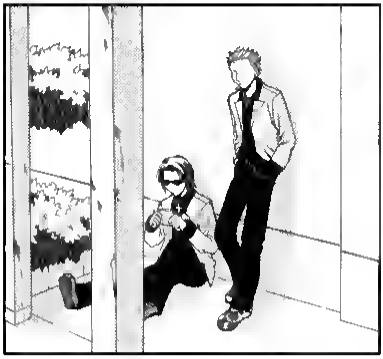
AH, I THOUGHT YOU WERE KIDNAPPED!
I'M SORRY MOMO-CHAN!
For being late.

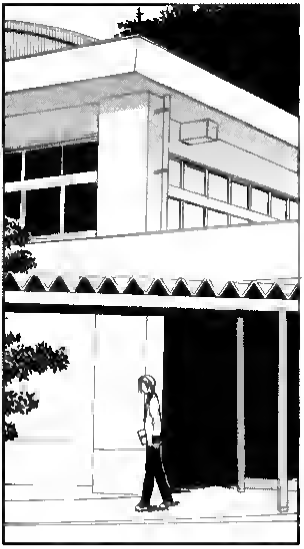
EEEEEEK! HE'S AWESOME!
Jump
TO ALL THE NEW STUDENTS,
CONGRATULATIONS ON ENTERING THIS SCHOOL TODAY

KAWASAKI ISSEI-SAN WAS SUCH A MYSTERIOUS PERSON
Chatter chatter
Chatter
Hey, I've never seen him before. Is he a student from next year?

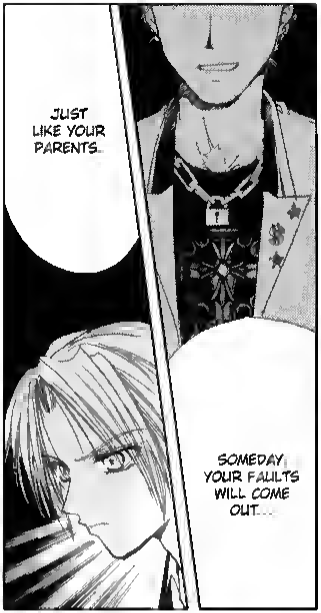
I'll definitely be able to meet you here,
right?
Shirohato Academy?
THEN EVERYONE
MAY YOUR THREE YEARS HERE BE MEANINGFUL

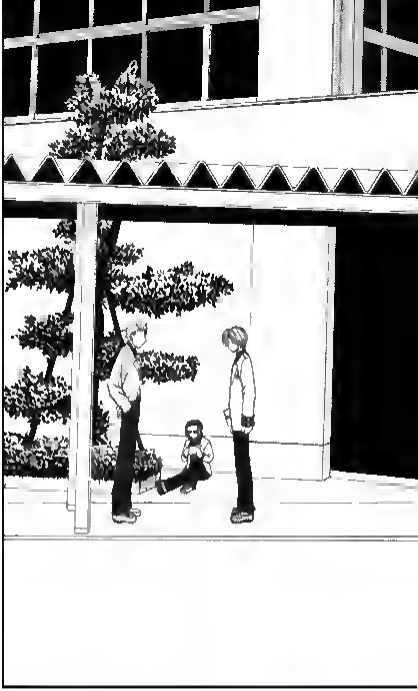






HEY, SUGAWARA, IT'S SO TOUGH BEING ONE OF THE ELITES.
Stand
RIKUJOU...
beep
beep
YOTSUJI...


JUST LIKE YOUR PARENTS...
SOMEDAY, YOUR FAULTS WILL COME OUT...



Grab
HEY, WAIT!

GRAB
SLAP
DON'T TOUCH ME WITH YOUR NICOTINE-STAINED HANDS, YOU PIECE OF SHIT!
What's with you?! Don't you smoke, too?!
I QUIT IN FRESHMAN YEAR

OH, I CLEARED LEVEL 32.

Damn it!
Punch

SMACK
OW!

THAT'S WONDERFUL, REI-CHAN!
WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS, TOO, MOMO-CHAN!

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Rei-Chan!

long time no see!
IT'S SUPER LUCKY THAT WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS!
REI-CHAN HASN'T CHA...
EH? EH?
...N-NO... UM...
CHA...?
ah ha ha
you have such beautiful skin!
What am I saying?
Thank you
Smile
Smile
wah—
flap flap

AH, WOULD YOU BE FROM SHIROHATO PARK...?
YUP, YUP, I'M KUROKI YUUGO FROM SHIROHATO PARK!
SHOCK
WAIT A SEC, WHAT'S WITH YOU?! DON'T GET CLOSE TO REI, YOU PERVERT!
DON'T REMEMBER
I'M SORRY! I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER THE NAMES OR FACES OF PEOPLE FROM SHIROHATO PARK
THERE ARE SOME OTHER GUYS ATTENDING HERE, TOO.
I'm sorry! I'm sorry!
Oh, I see. You don't remember... That guy over there's an idiot, anyway... Am I just a fan shaken... I wonder...
Mope

Him, too?
LIKE THAT STUDENT PRESIDENT.
Ah. Oh.
Eek
Eek
You'll introduce us next time, won't you?
OK!
Thank you!
Wha·· Rei-chan's an acquaintance of the student president? That's so wonderful!
O-OH, REALLY?
EH? GO AND SEE IT?! I'LL TAKE YOU THERE!
JUMP
REALLY?! I WANT TO GO SEE IT. WHERE IS IT?!
THE SHIROHATO PARK BUILDING IS STILL STANDING ON THIS CAMPUS.
!?
MOMO-CHAN, YOU HEAD ON BACK TO THE DORMITORIES FIRST!
Rei-Chan! Wait!
Where are you going?

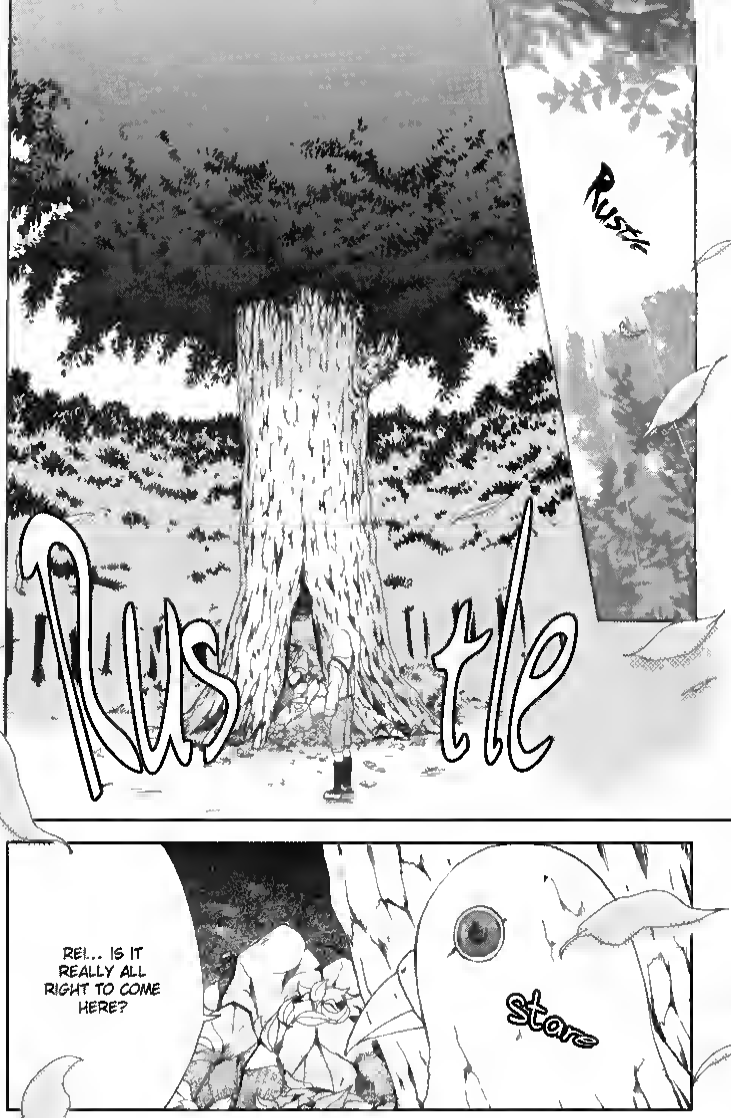
It's her...
Click
Click
click
We're here! This is Shirohato Park!
Gray

HOW NOSTALGIC I'VE BEEN HERE FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER
WE PASSED THE TIME AS SIBLINGS HERE
Siblings?
I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER THAT TIME PERIOD WELL
A secret between just the two of us?
What was the secret again?
THERE WAS SOMEONE I CALLED "ONIICHAN" THERE, THOUGH .
IT'S KIND OF STRANGE
JUMP
U-UM...
H-HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?
I'm OK.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. HE GOES TO OUR SCHOOL, TOO
YOU'LL REMEMBER IF YOU MEET HIM.
TH-THAT'S RIGHT!
I'LL REMEMBER THEN!
Then, on with the exploration! Let's go!
YUP
Ring
Ring
IT'S OK IF WE JUST GO IN, RIGHT?
Ring
What? A bell...
Ring
BA-DUMP
Ring

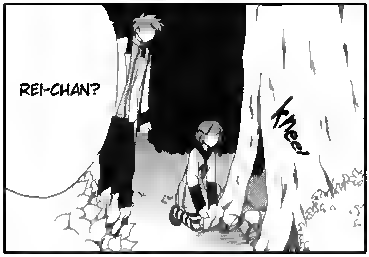
Ring
Ring
Don't open it... Rei...
Shock
OPEN

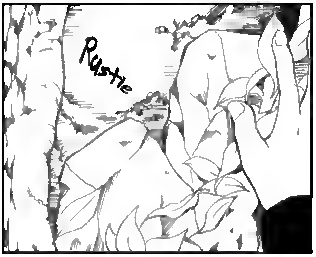
PASS
turn
REI-CHAN?!
REI-CHAN?
DASH

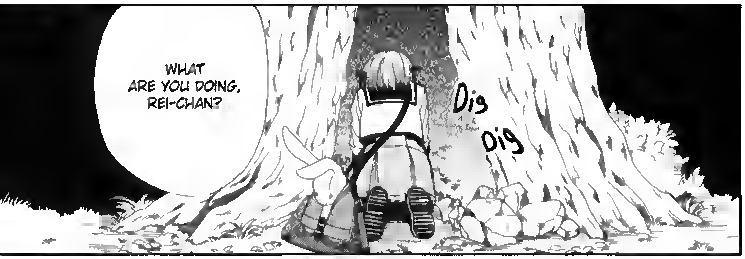

Rustle
Rustle

RE!... IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT TO COME HERE?
Stare

...RE ..
REI-CHAN
WHAT'S
WRONG? YOU
SUDDENLY...
Pant
Pant


REI-CHAN?
Kneel


Rustle

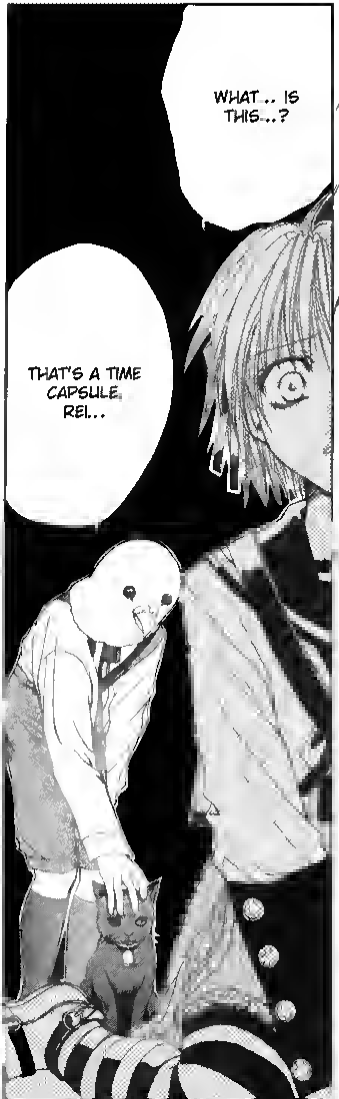

WHAT
ARE YOU DOING,
REI-CHAN?
Dig
Dig

DIG DIG
Rei-Chan!

HEY, DID YOU KNOW, MITSUKI-CHAN? SHE CAME BACK HERE
THERE'S SO MANY NEW STUDENTS!

STOP IT. I SAY, REI-CHAN!!
LOOK. YOUR HANDS ARE SO...
I WANT TO GET ALONG WELL WITH ALL OF OUR SIBLINGS JUST LIKE BEFORE.
AH, NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

THERE'S ONE PERSON MISSING, MITSUKI-CHAN
NANASE-KUN.


WHAT... IS THIS...?
THAT'S A TIME CAPSULE, REI...

UGH...
What...?
"A secret between just the two of us..."
Ugh
What... what DO I DO...?
What are you guys DOING...?

The time capsule you shouldn't open...
You've finally found it, Ret-chan...

Rei, why did you dig it up?!
I told you it was a secret between just the two of us!
Why did you draw such a thing?

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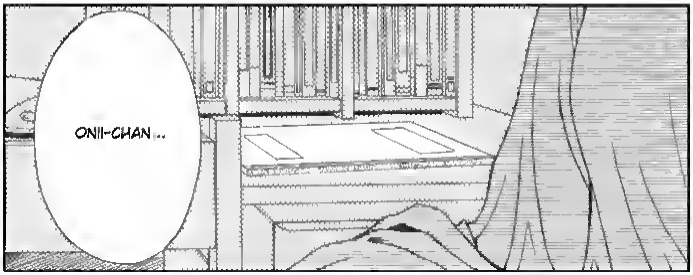
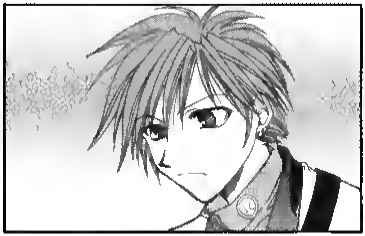
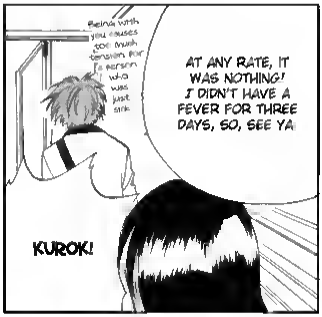

ONII-CHAN...



KUROKI!!
step step step step

Gurk
Hii-yah!
EVER SINCE YOU TWO WENT OFF SOMEWHERE AND CAME BACK, REI-CHAN HAS BEEN ABNORMALLY CLUMSY AND SHE'S CURRENTLY RESTING FROM A FEVER.
Why, you... Kuroki! What did you do to Rei-chan that day?!
BANG
BANG
M-Momochi?!
AND WHEN I ASK HER WHAT HAPPENED, SHE WON'T SAY ANYTHING.
NO, NO! Just what are you thinking on your own!!
What did you do?! Spit it out!
Spit
Spit
Rei-chan?! Where are you going?!
Rei-chan suddenly began running, chasing after a cat...
After the school entrance ceremony,


Being with you causes too much tension for a person who was just sick
AT ANY RATE, IT WAS NOTHING! I DIDN'T HAVE A FEVER FOR THREE DAYS, SO, SEE YA
KUROK!

Pass

ISSEI-KUN!
TURN

ISSEI-KUN?
THE LAST TIME WAS BEFORE SHIROHATO PARK WAS DESTROYED, WASN'T IT? YOU'VE GROWN QUITE A BIT. HAVEN'T YOU?
I CAN'T SEE YOU AS SOMEONE YOUNGER THAN ME ANY-MORE
smile
smile

AH, YUUGO-KUN, LONG TIME NO SEE!
Smile

JUST PRETEND IT NEVER HAPPENED

ISSEI-KUN?

IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS, HASN'T IT... EVER SINCE THAT TIME CAPSULE WAS UNBURIED...?

WHY... ARE YOU HERE...?
I DON'T GET IT...
ISN'T THIS A SHIROHATO PARK BADGE? THE KIND THAT THE SHIROHATO PARK KIDS WORE...
GASP
THEN... THIS PERSON IS...

Rustle
... TIME CAPSULE
IT'S A TIME CAPSULE! ONII-CHAN SAID SO!
OUR SIBLING?!
ONII-CHAN ...?
...SOMEONE FROM SHIROHATO PARK... BUT... I DON'T KNOW BECAUSE MY MEMORY'S VAGUE...

was the 'secret between just the two of us" this? what do I do..?
I... I...
...HEY!
GRAB
Bury Bury Bury Bury

This way...
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW.
THE TRUTH IS... WE FOUND SOMEONE WHO WAS RAISED WITH US AND WHO ACTED AS ONE OF OUR SIBLINGS... AS A CORPSE BURIED IN THE DIRT
THAT'S WHY HE BURIED IT AGAIN, RIGHT?
YUUGO-KUN DIDN'T WANT TO ACCEPT IT... HE PRETENDED HE NEVER SAW IT...
SO, IT'S ALL GOOD NOW...

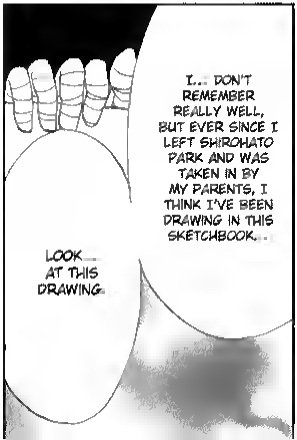
DING
DONG
Good?!
It's not good at all! Because ...
DING
DONG
REI-CHAN

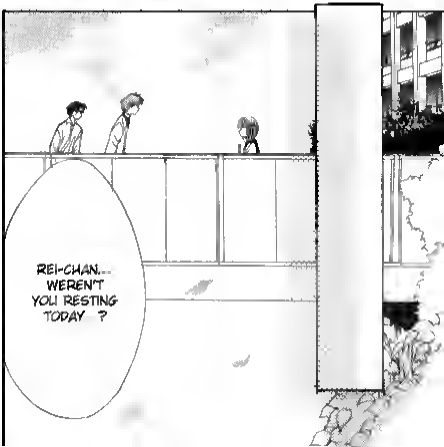
Housuke!
Taba—! A present for you!
I made it myself! The strap came out ok, right?
Ah...
Definitely wear it, ok?
Ah..
Let's go home together today, ok?
Ah...
And, also, it's better if you aren't around Yotsuji he's unsophisticated and violent
Twitch
Ah...
Ah..
See ya!

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU THROWING AWAY SO CASUALLY?!
It would have been better for her to say it to your face but girls are backstabbers.
OH, WELL, ISN'T THAT ALL RIGHT?
THROW
OH, DID YOU HEAR THAT?
GLARE
WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR BEING UNSOPHISTI-CATED!
WEAR IT!
I CAN'T THROW IT AWAY, I CAN'T GIVE IT AWAY, THEN WHAT SHOULD I DO?
Ah— oh my oh my
GLA—RE
AREN'T YOU GOING TO WEAR IT?!
Since your girlfriend made it herself!
EH? BUT I'M NOT GOING TO WEAR IT, RIGHT?
DON'T GIVE IT TO ME!
WILL YOU WEAR IT? THEN I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU
AH, COULD IT BE THAT THING AGAIN?
I'M NOT JEALOUS—!!
IF YOU'RE JEALOUS, THEN JUST HAVE YOUR OWN GIRL-FRIEND MAKE ONE...

SHUT UP!!
Bang
Eek!
Jump

Shh, let's hurry up and go!
He's so scary
IT'S ALREADY BEEN FOUR YEARS... WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY ...?
CLANK


I... DON'T REMEMBER REALLY WELL, BUT EVER SINCE I LEFT SHIROHATO PARK AND WAS TAKEN IN BY MY PARENTS, I THINK I'VE BEEN DRAWING IN THIS SKETCHBOOK...
LOOK... AT THIS DRAWING.


REI-CHAN... WEREN'T YOU RESTING TODAY ?

ONII-CHAN AND I ARE BURYING SOMETHING IN THAT PLACE!

IT NEVER REALLY BOTHERED ME UNTIL NOW,
BUT EVERY PAGE IS A DRAWING OF THE TWO OF US BURYING SOMETHING
WAIT A SECOND... IT'S JUST PLAYING IN THE SAND. YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH
I DID IT! ME AND ONII-CHAN!
THE SECRET REALLY DID MEAN THIS!!
THEN WHY DO I KNOW THAT PLACE?
THAT'S NOT THE CASE! YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WAS BURIED THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE. RIGHT?!
I REALLY AM.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT..?
I WONDER...
I don't remember ... anything that happened in the months I was at Shirohato Park...
Such as the memory of murdering someone.
DIDN'T YOU FORGET?
I'M BASICALLY SAYING THAT PEOPLE HIDE THE MEMORIES THEY DON'T LIKE DEEP IN THEIR HEARTS.
The only things I remember are that good-luck charm and the "Onii-chan" that taught it to me...

IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER IT, THEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED!
WHY DID YOU DECIDE IT WAS LIKE THAT?!
IT HAS TO BE THAT... ONII-CHAN AND I KILLED SOMEONE AND BURIED HIM.
THEN THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY MY MEMORY OF THAT TIME IS VAGUE...
I'M... GOING TO THE POLICE!
THEN EVERYTHING'LL BECOME CLEAR!
WAIT!!

I don't want to believe it.
TO THINK THAT THOSE BONES BELONGED TO ONE OF THEM.
I'M SCARED TO DISCOVER THAT SOMEONE I KNOW HAS DIED!
SHIROHATO PARK WAS LIKE A REAL HOME TO ME BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A FAMILY.
ALL THE KIDS WERE LIKE SIBLINGS TO ME
I don't remember it,
I'M SORRY.
but...

I'VE ONLY BEEN THINKING ABOUT MYSELF
The person buried that day may have been one of our friends...

I'M THE REALLY PITIFUL ONE HERE.

N-NO WAY, REI-CHAN

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WE COULDN'T GO ON LIKE THIS
WHEN WE FOUND IT WE SHOULD HAVE LET THE POLICE KNOW... BUT I... DIDN'T HAVE THE GUTS
SORRY... BUT COULD YOU GIVE ME ONE DAY?
I WANT TO SORT OUT MY FEELINGS
...
OK, I UNDERSTAND
It can't go on like this...
THEN LET'S CALL THE POLICE TOMORROW.
I have to know what really happened
What Onii-chan and I did...
Whose bones those are...
Who Onii-chan is...

Even though I'm scared to know the truth...
DON'T WORRY IT'S CERTAIN THAT YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
...
THANK YOU...
Onii-chan ...
YOU GUYS ARE GETTING HOT NEXT TIME YOU TWO DECIDE SOMETHING, DO IT AS A MARRIED COUPLE
WAVE
WAVE

SINCE I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAP-PENED...
trouble
CLICK

WHAT, ISSEI, YOU'RE STILL AWAKE?
What are you doing with the lights off?
sigh
welcome back! haiji-kun really works hard at his job!
?!
LIGHTS ON
FLIP
STUDYING FOR THE EXAM AT THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S REALLY TOUCH, ISN'T IT?
sigh
IT'S TO ATTEND A UNIVERSITY, SINCE I HAVE TO WORK FOR THE MONEY AND THE REPORT...
flip flip
THIS ISN'T JUST ANYTHING-!
Smack
Ah. did you find out?
THE TEXTBOOK'S ...
CRACK
CRACK

STOP BEING SO NAIVE!
Augh— Clear your head!
Shov
Uu you're so mean
I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE NEXT YEAR! OUR PRESENT RELATIONSHIP WILL END THEN!
MY FAULT?!
AUGH—IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT THAT IT'S RIPPED NOW!
Waaaaa
Augh, you're so annoying!
you were the one who hit me in the face with it! now I can't be your bride anymore! take responsibility!
WE'RE THIS PLACE'S—THE CHILDREN PROTECTION INSTITUTION'S— RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL WE'RE 18 YOU SHOULD START THINKING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE, TOO
MY FUTURE...
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHAT TOMORROW IS?
OVER HERE!

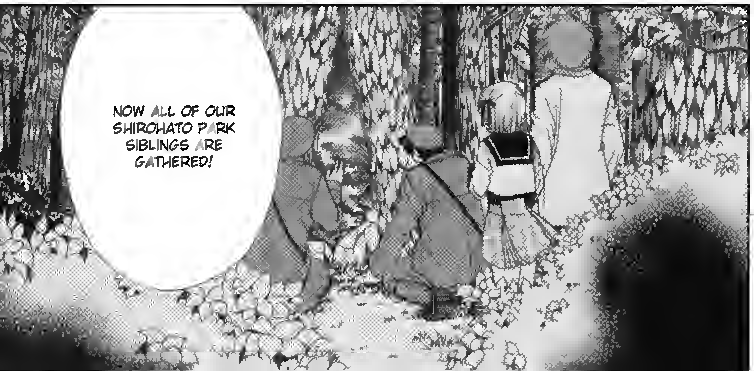
YES!
UP AHEAD?!
IT'S IN THIS TREE!
II-CHAN!
2~3
ha-
ru-
ki
LONG TIME NO SEE IT'S ME,
♪

AH, I'M SORRY! IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU, NANASE-KUN, THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE YOU!
It's mean to treat me like a bug!!
POUT
PUFF
PUFF
Haruki's really pissed!

AUGH!
TURN
BRISTLE
BRISTLE

...
BECAUSE REI-CHAN JUST ENROLLED IN THIS SCHOOL, RIGHT?
Along with Yuuko-kun, too

Ha-ha-Haru-chan, we haven't seen each other at all, even though we're in the same school, so why all of a sudden...?
Eeek— I'm bad at this ☆
calling me nanase-kun is so formal Plea call me haru-chan like you did in the past.
GRIP
Let go
Plea = Please


NOW ALL OF OUR SHIROHATO PARK SIBLINGS ARE GATHERED!

Amasawa Rei-chan,
Thank you so much for helping me.
Enomitsuki-kun,
Yotsuji Ken-kun,
Yay!
Rikujou Housuke-kun,

and then haruki and ii-chan!
kuroki yuugo-kun,
sugawara haiji-kun,
and then...

Senpou Takumi-kun who was killed!
Why do you know...?!
Mitsuki-chan heard it! He said he heard what you guys were talking about yesterday
He might've already told the other kids, too!
It's really scary! One of our siblings might be a murderer!
Because someone killed Takumi-kun--

what do you think, li-chan?
EH?
NOTHING...?
THERE'S A LIMIT TO THE PRANKS HIGH-SCHOOL KIDS PLAY THESE DAYS, YOU KNOW!
THERE AREN'T ANY BONES ANYWHERE!

NO WAY!
Rustle

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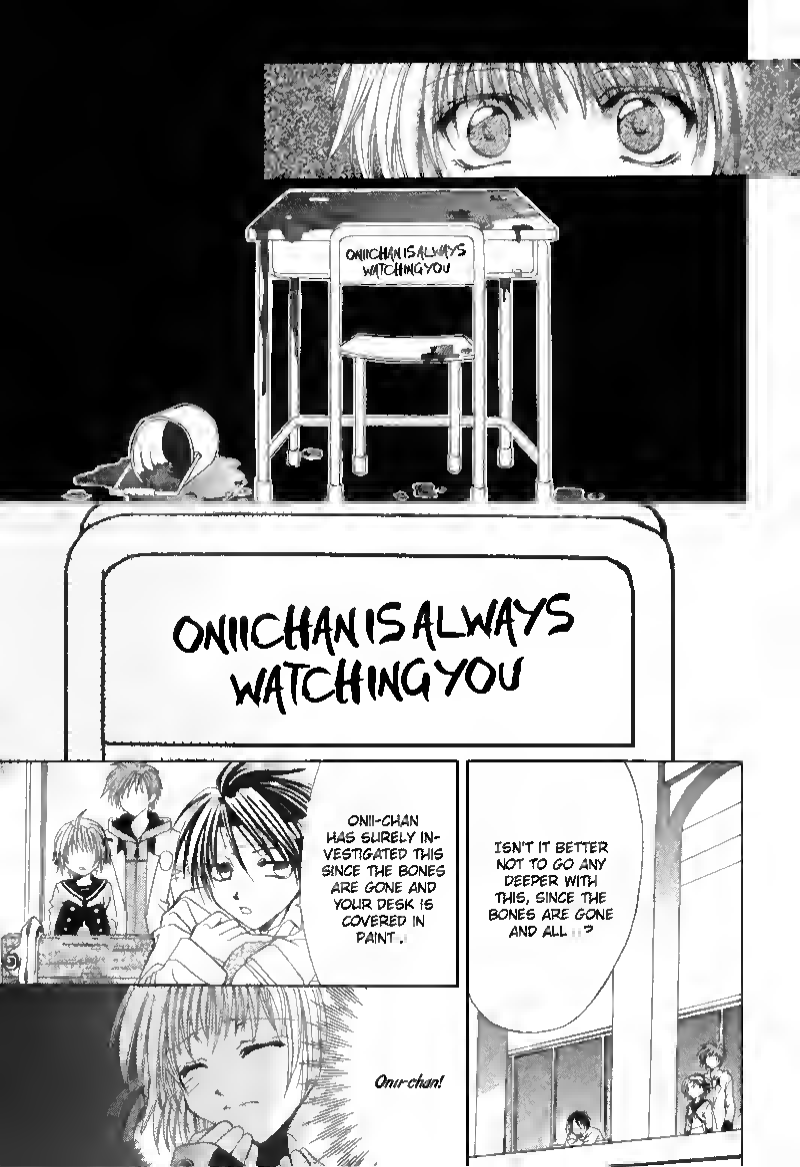
STAGE 03: MESSAGE

The sky that doesn't change for the better...

The me who doesn't change for the better...

REI-CHAN?! THIS IS BAD! REI-CHAN'S SEAT!


ONIICHAN IS ALWAYS WATCHING YOU
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ONII-CHAN HAS SURELY INVESTIGATED THIS SINCE THE BONES ARE GONE AND YOUR DESK IS COVERED IN PAINT.
ISN'T IT BETTER NOT TO GO ANY DEEPER WITH THIS, SINCE THE BONES ARE GONE AND ALL...?
Onii-chan!

WHY, YOU!!
IF NOT, AREN'T WE BACK TO THE THEORY THAT AMASAWA DID IT? JUST LIKE WHEN SHE DUG UP THE BONES,
Aren't you Onii-Chan?!
hiding the bones, everything, didn't you do it all?!
TO HIDE THE FACT THAT WHILE SHE WAS UNCONSCIOUS
HER OTHER SELF KILLED OTHERS..
What are you saying?!
didn't Onichan kill someone?!

IF WE BELIEVE WHAT REI-CHAN SAYS,
THEN ONE OF OUR SIBLINGS, ONII-CHAN... THE CRIMINAL IS HERE!
AND THE ONLY ONES THAT KNOW THE BONES WERE FOUND ARE THE THREE OF US
CAN YOU REALLY SAY THAT?

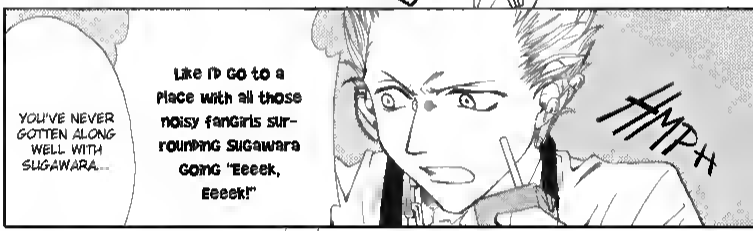
LOOK, BEHIND US RIGHT NOW ...
CAN YOU SAY FOR SURE THAT WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW?
SOMEONE MIGHT BE WATCHING, YOU KNOW...?
laugh
JUST KIDDING!
turn
!!
I'LL SEARCH FOR ONII-CHAN!
IF I MEET ONII-CHAN, THEN EVERYTHING SHOULD BECOME CLEAR!
STOP!
YOU'VE BEEN LAUGHING, LAUGHING, LAUGHING EVER SINCE THEN! YOU'RE BEING TOO CARELESS!

Onii-chan's in this school ?!
BALL GAME
THANK YOU, MOMO-CHAN!! I'M ALL RIGHT ALREADY!
I'M SO GLAD REI-CHAN'S HAPPY AGAIN! I WAS GETTING WORRIED
Ehehe
nice attack. Rei-cha-n!!
WHISTLE
I have to stop worrying Momo-chan and the others...
EEEEEEK!!!

Bang
Ack
Hit me too
Get a grip!
YEAH!
Aaaah!
I beat the enemy's ace!
Nice Sugawara
Hahes scary
eeeek--- student president-sama...
hai ji-kun.
HE REALLY IS COOL! WAH! STUDENT PRESIDENT-SAMA!
0000
Ah my image of him.
Kuroki
Mori
if I win, the juice... one can is 70 yen and not one of the others in my class can earn that much. the one can is too much...
Do you want one?
AH... I WANT TO BE HATED BY THOSE COLD EYES
HE'S SO BEAUTIFUL
SUGAWARA HAIJI HOT LOVE

HAJI-KUN HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL. HE'S STILL PUTTING ON A PRETTY FACE. IT'S SO NASTY...
So the Student President was that kind of person...
He was from Shirohato Park, too.
Could he be Oni-chan?
I don't even know Student President very well, and already I'm suspecting him!
Wh-what am I doing?
SHAKE
SHAKE
Rei-chan...
OK
I-I'M ON DUTY, SO I'LL GO AND SORT OUT THE BALLS!
daze
CLANK

Housuke, you perverted old man!
SHUDDup!
Wa—
Eek
Sigh..
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' UNDERWEAR...
BEEP
BEEP
YOTSUJI-SAN'S NOT GOING TO SEE THE BALL GAME?
Eeeek—
Waaa—
BEEP
BEEP


YOU'VE NEVER GOTTEN ALONG WELL WITH SUGAWARA...
Like I'd go to a place with all those noisy fangirls surrounding Sugawara going 'Eeeek, Eeeek!'
HMPH

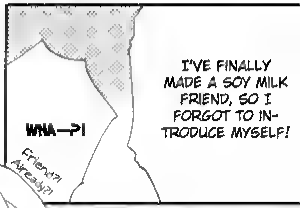
shock
Wha—?! Why me?!
I'M SORRY, COULD YOU GET THE BALL FOR ME PLEASE?
turn
MOSTLY BECAUSE EVER SINCE WE WERE AT SHIROHATO PARK, HE'S..
BOUNCE
BOUNCE

Rei...?
Even though it's finally the Ball Game.
ARE YOU JUST OBSERVING? ARE YOU FEELING SICK?
AH! THAT'S NOT IT!
I'm slacking off!
BRISTLE
AH! SOY MILK!
W-Why am I here with her ?!

AUGH! I'M SORRY!
AH—SHUT UP! WHAT'S WITH YOU?!

and it's better if she doesn't recognize me, anyway.
She doesn't recognize me? Well, I have changed.
I can't imagine anything more delicious than it
Soy milk's delicious, isn't it?

Did she forget about me?!


I'VE FINALLY MADE A SOY MILK FRIEND, SO I FORGOT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!
WHA—?!
Friend?! Already?!

Then don't talk to me ever again!

I'M AMASAWA REI.
AMASAWA
Why does she talk to me? Everyone else is scared of me...

AH!
STEP

I'll try and find something about Shirahat Park!!
G-GOOD AFTERNOON! THE WEATHER SURE IS NICE TODAY...
flak
flake
STUDENT PRESIDENT?
SUGAWARA
freeze
PAT
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE SLACKING OFF OR WHATEVER,
BUT...
HEH, DID THE STUDENT PRESIDENT-SAMA COME TO PREACH...?
depressed
I'm such an idiot
Thunder
My class won...
So there's no juice ... for you!

WAIT, SUGAWARA!
YOU'RE SO DAMNED EGOTISTICAL. IT MAKES ME SICK.
YOU CAN TRY TO ACT AS ELITE AS YOU WANT! BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE SCUM!
THAT'S IT?!
I JUST CAME TO SAY THAT.
Euro
IN THE END, YOU'RE THE SAME AS YOUR PARENTS!
WHAT, ARE YOU JEALOUS OF ME?
U-UM...
Same as your parents...?

IS PAINFUL!
THE FACT THAT YOU CAN'T MOVE BECAUSE YOU ARE BOUND BY YOUR PARENT'S SHADOWS, BUT I CUT THAT BOND AND THREW IT AWAY, AND AM NOW MOVING FORWARD,
THAT I'M COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM YOU, EVEN THOUGH WE WERE IN THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCE..
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GO AND BECOME LIKE YOUR FATHER THAT WAY!

Shut up...
Stop crying like a baby, Ken!
AND DESTROYING YOURSELF IN THE END...
DESTROYING EVERYTHING AROUND YOU,
JUST LIKE YOUR OLD MAN.
MESSING THEM UP.
Father...

BANG
WHY, YOU—!
PICK UP
S-STUDENT PRESIDENT!
CLANK

CLUTCH
Damn you...
Bang
STOP!
PLEASE STOP!
beep beep
Grab

clench
Kick
UGH...
Hover
Why, you—

?!
BANG

Onii-chan ....?
What?
It's that ringing again...
Rii...
CLUNK
HEY?!
Rei,
"Stairway to heaven, Stairway to heaven," that's our good-luck charm.
Rii...

Rei.
ONII-CHAN... I'M SORRY... FOR ALWAYS CRYING.
I HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL SINCE I'VE ARRIVED AT SHIROHATO PARK...
REI IS CHANGING
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE TO BE HAPPY
EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE FINALLY TAUGHT ME THE GOOD-LUCK CHARM...
YOU REALLY WERE ALWAYS CRYING AT FIRST,
BUT YOU NOW YOU SAY THAT YOU CAN'T CRY FOREVER. THAT YOU HAVE TO BE HAPPY
ISN'T THAT PROOF THAT YOU'RE CHANGING...?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE COME TO THINK.

Onii-chan ...
I've changed ever since Onii-chan came...
Hey!
Then, why?!
If I want to change, then I'll change.
AH...
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?! IF YOU GET HURT...
H-hurt?!
Eek!
To the infirmary ... no, the hospital!
Hey, can you stand?! You can't?! All right!
LIFT

I-I'm all right! I can stand by myself!
Flick
Cough
cough
"Go and become like your father ..."
... The same ...

After the crashes, I didn't even understand what was going on... I always regretted it because I always noticed it...
I'm sorry!
I didn't mean to! Ken...
I didn't mean to!
Like my father ...
NO, I CAN'T CHANGE
I'LL BE DESPICABLE, JUST LIKE HIM!
I REALLY AM LIKE MY FATHER... I..

I CAN'T CHANGE!!
YOU'RE THE SAME, SUGAWARA!
NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE LIKE YOUR PARENTS!

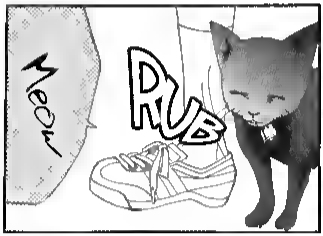
GRAB
THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
PUNCH
DAMN IT!
PUNCH
DAMN IT!
YOU WERE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT ME
HAVEN'T YOU REGRETTED ENOUGH ALREADY?!
I DON'T REALLY KNOW YOUR FATHER, BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER!
YOU'LL SURELY CHANGE!
If you want to change,
then you will change.

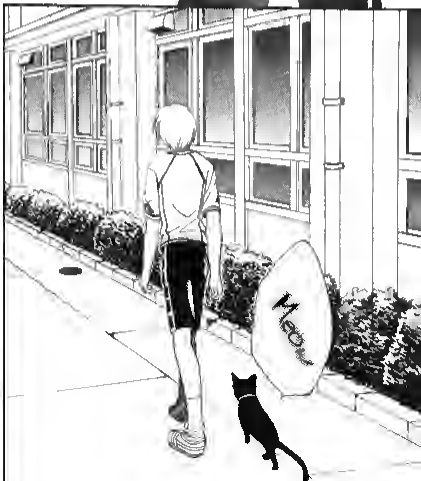
you've changed...
Even though you were always crying back then...
BECAUSE HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY CHANGED?!

AH!
Waver
Plac
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
Worry worry
CAN YOU STAND?!
Ah, the blood!!

GLARE

Student President
...


Meow
RUB


Meow

KICK

Do you think I'll feed you if you make sweet noises like that?!
Kuroki

twitch
YUUGO-KUN!
DINNER'S READY!
REACH
GRASP
YES, KAA-SAN!

To a place
where no phone
rings...

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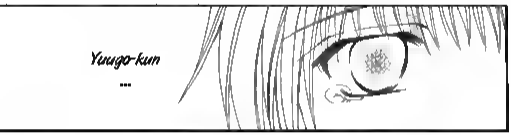
To a place
where no phone
rings...

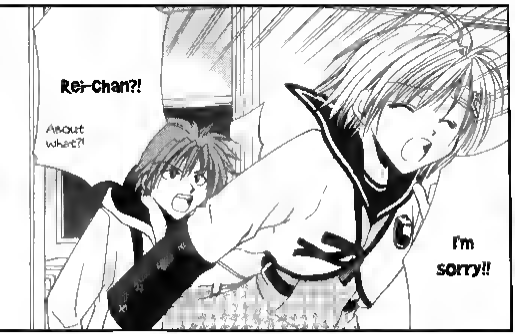
STAGE 04: SIREN

Is my memory from that time vague because I wanted to forget what happened, like Kawasaki-senpai said?
My parents passed away in an accident. Onuchan cheered me up.
I don't remember his name or face. All I know is that he was someone from Shuchuto.
It's true that Rei-chan didn't do anything...
Even now, Onuchan is watching me.
ONUCHAN IS ALWAYS WATCHING YOU
It's true that Onuchan killed someone?
And... I did too...?
Yuugo-kun...
turn

Onichan is one of the people from Shirohato Park right now!!
If I can meet the people from Shirohato Park, I should be able to tell who Onichan is!!
Rei-chan!! I heard just now.
Is it true that you got hit by that Yotsuji and his carelessness?!
BANG
CARELESSNESS...?
That's Crazy!
Hang all of that just to hear about Shirohato park!!
SHIROHATO PARK...?
YOTSUJI-SENPAI WAS...?

DID HE SAY ANYTHING—?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?!
COULD HE BE THAT ONIICHAN?
YOTSUJI AND THE GUY WHO ALWAYS FOLLOWS HIM, KIKUYOU, WENT TO SHIRONATO JUST LIKE US!!
HE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THAT KIND OF A PERSON!! HE WAS A BIT HOT-TEMPERED, BUT STILL...
SOY MILK?
HE'S SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS THE TASTE OF SOY MILK.
E-EVEN SO... IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO ACCUSE ANYONE
BUT ONE OF OUR SIBLINGS IS ONIICHAN, RIGHT?
I'M SCARED OF KNOWING THE TRUTH,
BUT I DISLIKE SEEING REI-CHAN AS A DANGEROUS PERSON EVEN MORE!!
Y-YEAH
AT ANY RATE... IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE DOING ANY INVESTIGATING, THIS TIME I'M GONNA BE COMING WITH YOU!!
PUNCH

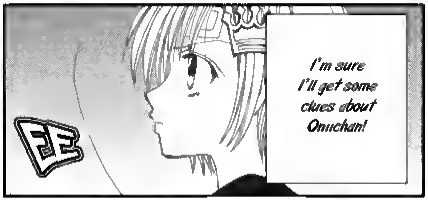

Yuugo-kun
...


Rei-Chan?!
About what?!
I'm sorry!!

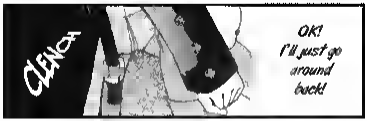
I mean— NO, I'm not at all worried about Rei-chan! I mean, you're not dangerous in the first place..
and you like to follow strange people around
fluster
twister
fluster

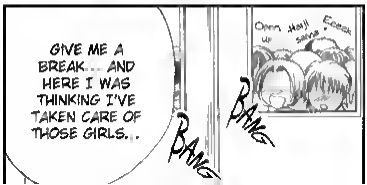
Yuugo-kun believes in me,
but I might have killed one of his friends!
Am I being avoided?
I won't cause any more trouble to Yuugo-kun!
I have to do something by myself!
I don't deserve to be worried about!
DING
DONG
DONG
DONG

REI-CHAN..?


I'm sure I'll get some clues about Onichan!
EE

!!?
crowding
Hanjisan, Onii-chan!
He's so wonderful ♥
HOHJI-SAMA
BEEP-
BEEP-


OK! I'll just go around back!
CLENCH


GIVE ME A BREAK... AND HERE I WAS THINKING I'VE TAKEN CARE OF THOSE GIRLS..
BANG
BANG
Onee-sama! Hanji-sama! Eeeek!
up
down

HE'S ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY HIS I-WANT-TO-BE-KIDNAPPED-BY-HANJISAMA-ON-A WHITE-HORSE FAN CLUB
OH, MY, IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN'T WORSHIP STUDENT-PRESIDENT SAMA'S FACE TODAY EITHER

SHOCK
AWW HAIJI-KUN, YOU'RE SO CARELESS
BUT TO THINK THAT ISSEI WAS HIDING IN THE LOCKER
I'M TACHIBANA REI FROM SHIROHATO PARK THANK YOU FOR LAST TIME...
Why you! The documents!
LOOKIE, LOOKIE! CHEER UP!
SPREAD
LOOK
BANG
EXCUSE ME!
Kawasaki senpai?!
That's not how you can't just stand in front of Hiiji-sama! like that!!
ARE YOUR WOUNDS ..

Why is he here?! He said he didn't want to investigate this with me, but that's kind of awkward
But this is my chance to finally talk to Student President!
LIM, I CAME TO TALK ABOUT SHIROHATO PARK
THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT GET OUT!
..SO HE SAYS.
LIM, WAI...
!!?
BANG
EEK!!

SPIT
Don't...
come near me!!
No way...
Please wait!!
Get out...!!

I still want to talk!
Student President!!
Rei-Chan?!
THAT GOES FOR YOU, TOO!
GRRR
Ow
YAY, SERVES YOU RIGHT.
DON'T COME EVER AGAIN.
I couldn't talk to him again...
IT'S JUST PAINFUL WATCHING HER ALWAYS CARRY THAT STUFFED ANIMAL AROUND
Rei-chan, are you all right?
WITH HER? DID SHE GET SOME IDEAS INTO HER HEAD JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A LITTLE CUTE?

Sigh...
What should I do... Emihiko?
but at this rate, I won't be able to talk to Student President..
I thought that if I spoke to the people from Shuro-hato Park, I could tell who Onichan is,
Jump
I forGot her!
...Emihiko?!
AH, I'LL GO, TOO.
NO I'LL BE FINE BY MYSELF.
I'LL GO BACK AND GET HIM.
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, REI-CHAN.
I'll be fine by myself... huh...
SHE STICKS HER NOSE INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS MORE AND MORE. WHAT A WEIRD GIRL.

HEY! WILL REI-CHAN BE ALL RIGHT?
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S INVESTIGATING THE CASE HERSELF?
ISSEI-KUN WHAT DO YOU THINK?
AMONG HIS SIBLINGS, THERE IS A CRIMINAL AND AN ASSISTANT...
THE DAY SHIROHATO WENT BANKRUPT,
GOODBYE SHIROHATO PARK
ALL OF US SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE AT THE FAREWELL CEREMONY...
I WAS TAKEN AWAY BY MY CURRENT PARENTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FAREWELL CEREMONY.
BUT ISSEI-KUN WAS THERE FOR THE WHOLE THING, RIGHT?
After that, what happened?!
DO you really not know anything?!

YOU FEEL LIKE BEING NOSY TOO?
AMONG US, THERE IS A CRIMINAL.
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ME, AND IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN YOU.
AND BESIDES,
DID YOU FORGET THAT REI-CHAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE ACCOMPLICE?
If you can say that, then what about your friend Haji-kun!!
He's clearly avoiding Rei-chan!!
He's suspicious enough!!

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
THE REASON WHY HAJI-KUN IS AVOIDING REI...
It's Haji-kun, isn't it?! He's the criminal, isn't he?!

SHOULD I TELL YOU THE TRUTH?

Step up Step

PASS
STUDENT PRESIDENT?
PLEASE, WAIT! I—
bam
WAIT!
I'M SEARCHING FOR ONIICHAN!!

HAIJI-KUN...
YOU KNOW...
BONK
UMPH!
THE ONES WHO KILLED REI'S PARENTS...
WERE HAIJI-KUN'S PARENTS.

Eh?!
HAIJI-KUN...?
Papa
...
Mama
...

What do you want for your birthday, Rei?
Hmmm, we live in an apartment, so...
Hmm, let me think... A bunny! I want a bunny!
Papa... Mama...
DASH!
Rei-Chan!
Rei-Chan!
HAIJI-KUN...
UM...

P85
I'M SORRY
I HAVE SUCH A BIG MOUTH...
HAJI-KUN!
HAJI-KUN!

SLIDE
SLIDE
BANG
BANG
BRRRRRRRR
BRRRRRRRR
I've already cut it.
Don't make me remember it after all this time!!
Don't...
Stop!

Stop!
I've had enough of these ties!
I don't want to hear it! The phone ringing!
BRRIIIIIING
BRRIIIIIING
BRRIIIING
I was finally able to forget that sound!
HELLO? THIS IS SUGA-WARA.
I UNDER-STAND. I'M COMING RIGHT AWAY!
DEAR ?!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
KAASAN DID POPS DO SOME-THING?
HE'S JUST DRUNK DRIV-ING AGAIN, SO WHAT'S TO WORRY?
HAIJI?! I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT, SO PLEASE WAIT AT HOME!!
HAIJI!!

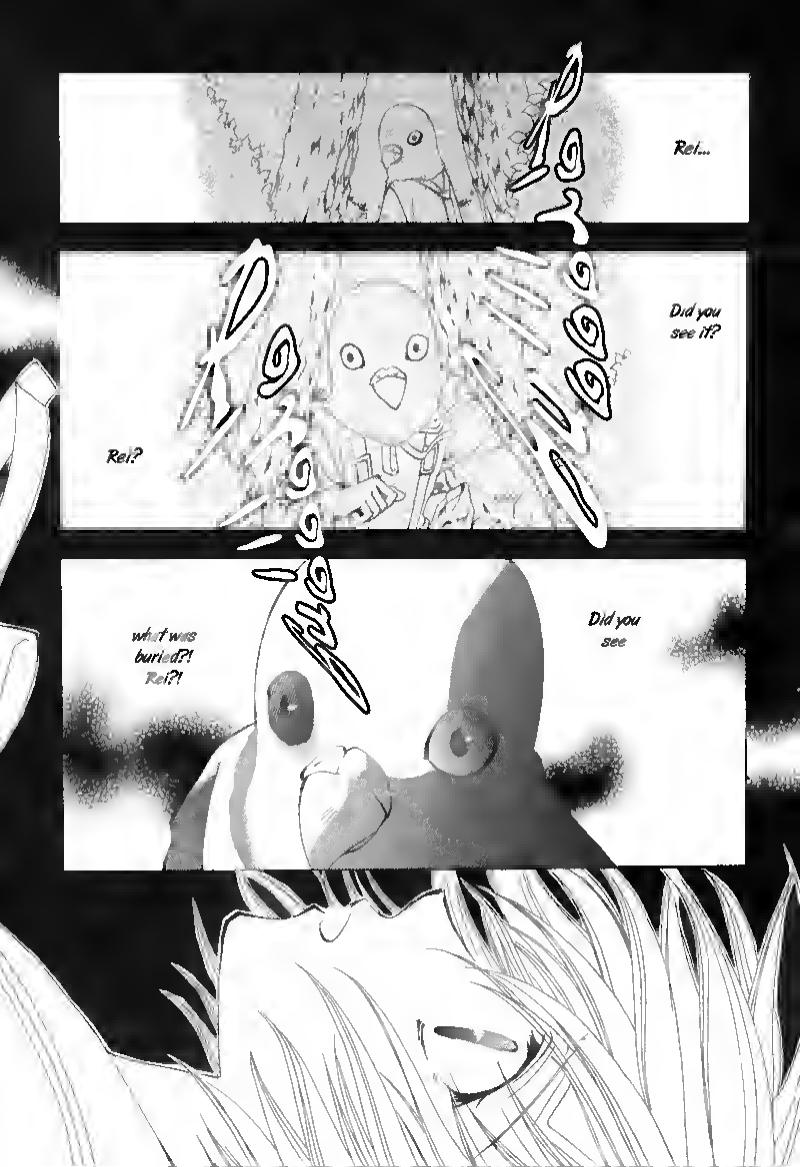
RAIN
Mom was reputed to be a good wife in the neighborhood.
Pops was a truck driver who had a habit of driving drunk.
DEAR!
LET'S HIDE. I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS
IT'S ALL RIGHT I'M HERE FOR YOU
DEAR..
WHAT SHOULD I DO...? I-I'VE RUN SOMEONE OVER!
THE MAN IS ALREADY DEAD... BUT THE WOMAN... THIS IS BAD! THIS IS THE END!
Wha--?!
UGH..
EEE!

I'm here for you ...
I will do anything if it's for you ..
Kaa-san!
You aren't alone..
I'll live by myself!
So don't...
...don't anybody care about me anymore!

WAIT UP, REI-CHAN!!
REI-CHAN!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!!
I thought I had forgotten about the people that killed Papa and Mama.
I couldn't forgive them!
Because I couldn't forgive them, I had to forget them...
But ...

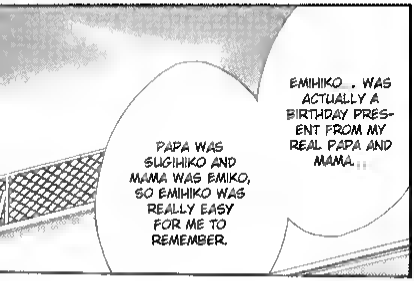
I'VE KILLED SOMEONE, TOO!
I'm the same!
DON'T MIND ME!
BUT EVEN SO I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED!
YOU'RE STILL GOING ON ABOUT THAT?! THAT'S NOT THE CASE THOUGH, RIGHT?!
then she and I can't love each other!
If Rei-chan was such a person,
That can't be true!

...Mng
Ring
Ring
Don't let me hear it!!
Because Onichan's...?!
WAKE
Rustle Rustle
Rustle
REI-CHAN!!


Rei...
Did you see it?
Rei?
Did you see
what was buried?! Rei?!

I DIDN'T SEE!!
ONIICHAN!!
I...
DIDN'T SEE
...
Oniichan
...
REI-CHAN
..

IT'S A RELIEF TO CLEAR THAT UP, ISN'T IT?
LATELY, REI-CHAN HAS BEEN FUTILELY TRYING TO CLARIFY WHAT HAPPENED ON HER OWN
SOMEHOW, IT WAS PAINFUL TO WATCH


EMIHIKO... WAS ACTUALLY A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FROM MY REAL PAPA AND MAMA...
PAPA WAS SUGIHIKO AND MAMA WAS EMIKO, SO EMIHIKO WAS REALLY EASY FOR ME TO REMEMBER.

After Papa and Mama passed away...

If Emihiko was with me, it felt like Papa and Mama were right by my side...

That charm also

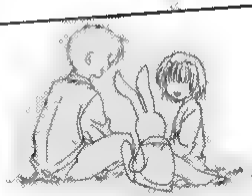
made me feel like my heart grew stronger...

"The stairway to heaven, the stairway to heaven..."

That memory..

Oniichan was kind

...might have been an illusion I created...



COLLECTING SHAPES TOGETHER LIKE THAT...

A beautiful illusion

that suited my circumstances.

SAYING THAT I'M NOT ALONE...

I FEEL LIKE AN IDIOT,
I... I
THAT'S FINE,
AS LONG AS YOU ARE CHEERFUL.
AND BESIDES, I FEEL THAT BECAUSE YOU... THAT BECAUSE EVERYONE FROM SHIROHATO PARK WAS HERE...
I'VE SOMEHOW COME TO BE HERE...
IF IT WAS TRULY IMPORTANT, THEN THAT PLACE
THAT'S WHY I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD STOP LEAVING THIS CASE UNSOLVED
WHICH IS WHY
YOU SHOULDN'T TRY SO HARD BY HERSELF ANYMORE!
PROMISE?

I'LL PUT MY ALL INTO IT,
SO LET'S FIND ONIICHAN TOGETHER!!
Thank you.
Yuugo-kun ...
SHIROHATO MEMORIES
STUDENT JOURNAL OFFICE

Emihiko,
Emihiko, where are you?!
Emihiko?!
The sketchbook,
the sketchbook, Rei-chan...
EMIHIKO!
flie

1-3
Emiliko and the sketchbook suddenly vanished!
It's not here?!
It's not here! Why?!
It was definitely knocked down by student president right here!
It couldn't be!

we don't believe in love.

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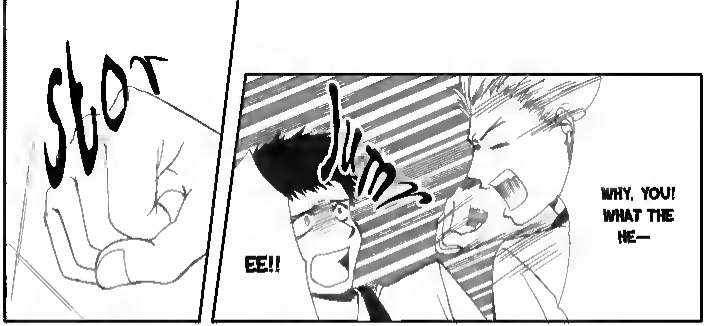
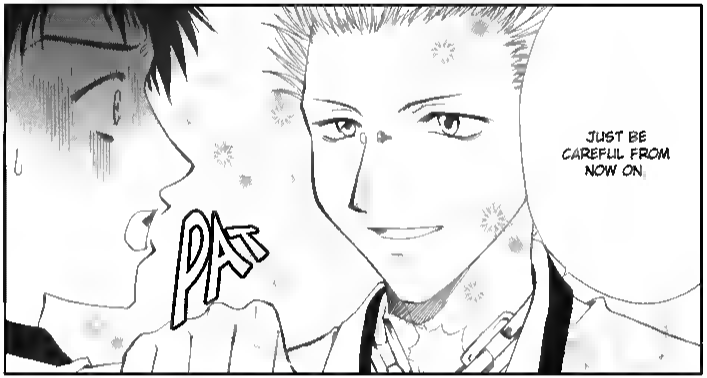
STAGE 5: BLUE AND WHITE CURTAINS

It's really dark...
There's no need to hide it with such beautiful blue and white colors.
You know
BANG

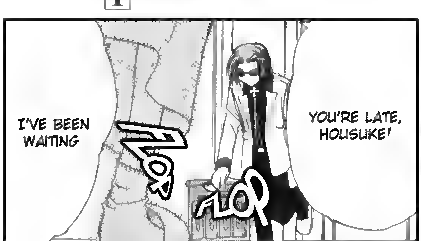

slot
Jun
EE!!
WHY, YOU! WHAT THE HE—


JUST BE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON
PAT

EVEN THOUGH I HIT HER, SHE BLOCKED THAT BASTARD SUGAWARA, AND EVEN ENCOURAGED ME
HER.. THAT.. REI, YOU KNOW
SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER ME TO HER, I'M JUST A COMPLETE STRANGER.

WHAT'S WRONG?
I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT..
That was close. I suddenly reacted.
Leee

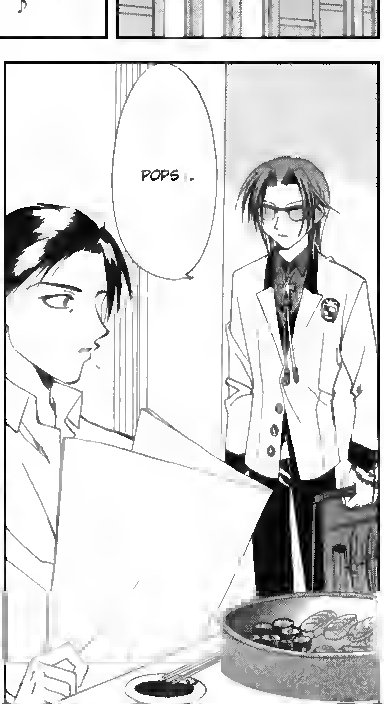
I'VE BEEN THINKING, WHAT'S WITH ME
HITTING PEOPLE?
THEN, I'M GOING TO SEE IF THAT GIRL REALLY IS THE KIND OF GIRL YOU BELIEVE HER TO BE
Hmph
You're naive for being tricked
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S LIKE THAT ON THE OUTSIDE WHAT SHE'S HOLDING INSIDE IS A BLACK HEART
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS THAT IT'S MADE UP?
What?
HMM?
Rei-chan's not that kind of person!! She's not!!
?
Strange guy
It's really...
...dark.


I'VE BEEN WAITING
YOU'RE LATE, HOUSUKE!
ALOO
ALOO

Just darkness.
WELCOME BACK

I GOT THE SUSHI THAT HOUSUKE LIKES. ♪
PIC

W-WELCOME BACK, HOUSUKE
Uuu


POPS.

NO, IT'S FINE THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL...
DEAR, YOU HAVEN'T EATEN YET

IT'S ALL RIGHT. I DON'T NEED IT.
AH! SORRY, HOUSUKE! I'LL PREPARE IT RIGHT AWAY.
Hah

YOU'RE NOT TIRED OF BEING FOLLOWED BY A GUY LIKE THAT?
OH, YEAH, IT IS TODAY
NO...
I GOT IT FOR HOUSUKE...
IF I DON'T SAY ANYTHING, WOULD YOU FORGET IT?
HOUSUKE!!
I'M FED UP WITH ALL THIS "HAPPY FAMILY" BUSINESS
THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY MY FAMILY WAS DESTROYED...
AFTER ALL THIS TIME,
YOU CAN'T PRETEND LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED, CAN YOU?

After all this time...
MAYBE IT'S REALLY HOPELESS... FOR THE FAMILY...
AFTER THAT HAPPENED, HE STOPPED BEING VIOLENT,
BUT HE SEEMS SCARED OF HOUSUKE.
I'M ALL RIGHT, MOTHER! I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT HOUSUKE.
WASN'T HOUSUKE SENT TO AN INSTITUTION WHEN HIS FATHER WAS HOSPITALIZED? I WONDER, SHOULD WE JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE?
BUT I FEEL THAT SOMEDAY THAT CHILD WILL UNDERSTAND.
Hmph.
It's too late, already.
No matter how much you were used...
No matter how you smooth it over,
Darkness is darkness ...

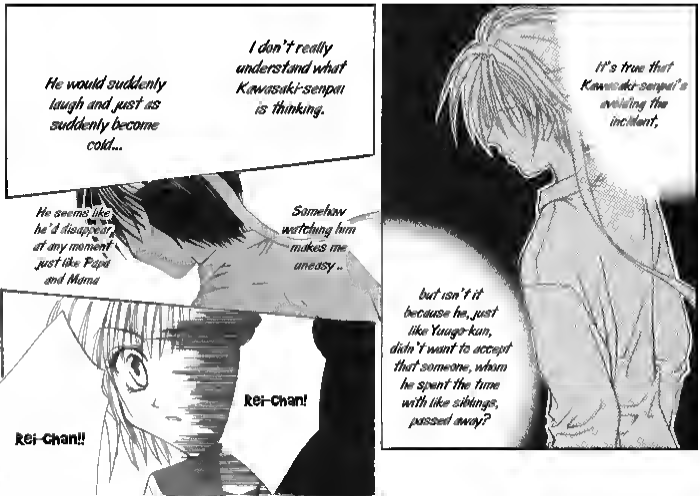
5 May
haiji-kun!!
It's a christmas tree... It's out already.
Lookie. lookie!
THIS SANTA-SAN IS JUST LIKE HAIJI-KUN
HAIJI-KUN?
AW, ARE YOU STILL ANGRY ABOUT THAT? CHEER UP, ALREADY
HEY, HEY, DON'T JUST STUDY. LET'S TAKE A LITTLE BREAK?

THE GUYS WHO ARE TOO SMART
WILL GET TOSSED ASIDE BY THE GIRLS
Who in the world would do such a thing to Emiriko?!!
3
Just you wait, Rei-Chan!
I'll fix her right away for you!!
THANK YOU, MOMO-CHAN

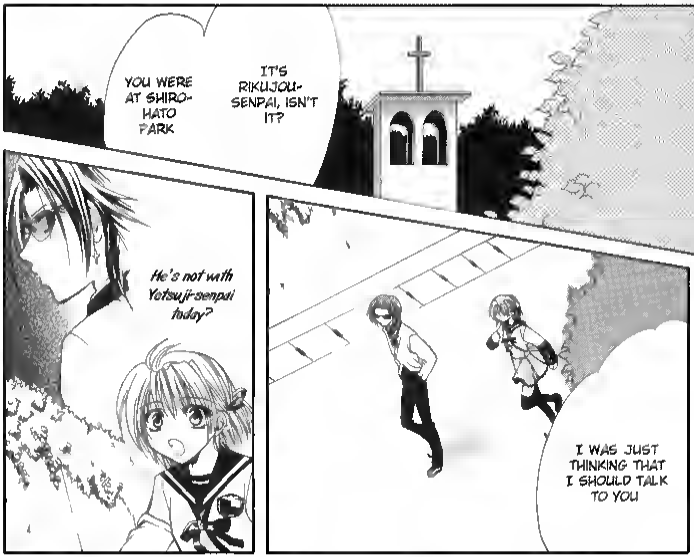
Are you telling me to just forget about you like this? Onichan!!
To pretend that it never happened?
The memory that I vaguely remember after digging up that time capsule
The thing that Onichan called a "time capsule" was really the corpse of someone from Shirohato Park.
ONICHAN IS ALWAYS WATCHING YOU.
The threats on the desk and school gate,
and the missing sketch book?
SHIROHATO PARK MEMORIES
Taeko
and me ..
The only ones who knew about the unburying were the ones were there Yauge-kun, Kawasaki-senpai,
Was Onichan watching us at that time?!

Aren't you Onichan?!
And before we alerted the police, he carried the bones away.

Could he be...?
Kawasaki-senpai?


He would suddenly laugh and just as suddenly become cold...
I don't really understand what Kawasaki-senpai is thinking.
He seems like he'd disappear at any moment just like Papa and Mama
Somehow watching him makes me uneasy..
Rei-Chan!
Rei-Chan!!
It's true that Kawasaki-senpai's avoiding the incident,
but isn't it because he, just like Yuuga-kun, didn't want to accept that someone, whom he spent the time with like siblings, passed away?

HE SAID HE WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU ALONE!
COME ON, BE CHEERFUL AND GO!
LISTEN, LISTEN! THIS COOL PERSON'S CALLING REI-CHAN!!
HUH?! WHAT, WHAT?
AWW, SINCE WHEN DID YOU GET A GUY A LIKE THAT? ♡
HUH?
FOLLOW ME FOR A BIT.


IT'S RIKUJOU-SENPAI, ISN'T IT?
YOU WERE AT SHIRO-HATO PARK
He's not with Yotsuji-senpai today?
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT I SHOULD TALK TO YOU

You're the same as that woman, anyway
Just keep on acting civil.

As that woman ...
STOP!!
DON'T BULLY MOTHER!!

BANG
STOP!!
STOP BEING SO CRUEL!
Mother?
I...
did it for mother...
Aren't you going to say it?
"Thank you for saving me."
CLATTER
Hey,
UM, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
Laughing

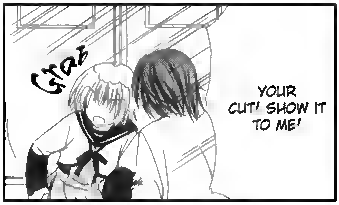
!!
YOU KNOW ARE YOU AN IDIOT? FOLLOWING ME HERE CARELESSLY. DIDN'T YOU PREDICT SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN?
OR IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE PRETENDING TO BE A STUPID GIRL?
EVERY BEAUTIFUL THING IN THIS WORLD IS A FRAUD, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
A HAPPY FAMILY.
A KIND WOMAN, EVERYTHING, E— VERYTHING
What is he saying...?
Even the sky!!
SKYING

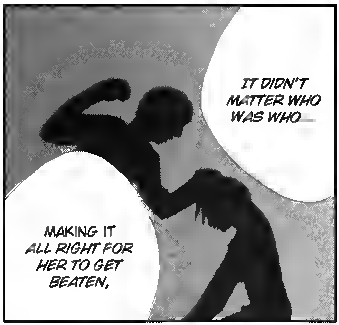
Could this person be...?!
IS REALLY JUST DARKNESS FLOATING ONLY ON DUST.
BANG
!?
SHOVE
I have to escape!!

AH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! THERE'S BLOOD!!
UGH... WHAT'S THIS?WHY'S A NAIL POKING OUT? AH, WHAT A BOTHER
SLASH
PIN
ALL RIGHT? DON'T ACT ALL INNOCENT AFTER YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SUDDENLY MOVED AWAY
AFTER SOMETHING'S HAPPENED... YOU CAN'T PRETEND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN
Pretend it didn't happen...
CHAT
TEN
HA

Why you, what're you doing?!!
I saw this guy taking Rei-chan somewhere, so I follow-ed!!
YOU bastard!
YUUGO-kun?! Why?!
YUUGO-kun!!
Stop!!

So stop...
Stop Being so cruel!
WHY..? I SAVED REI-CHAN...
I couldn't watch anymore!!
Why are you protecting him?!
It looks Painful.
This person... he's Bleeding so much.





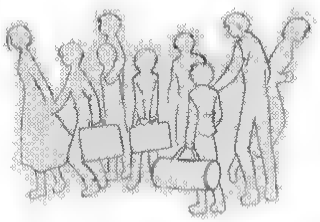
"Stop being so cruel."

?
WHAT'S THIS . . .
That someday that child will understand...
JUST LIKE AN IDIOT
Graz
Hey! what's the meaning of this?!
Please wait!!
DON'T EVADE THE QUESTION!
NO REASON IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.
WHY DID YOU CALL REI-CHAN OUT?! HEY!
S-SO-SOR--
More importantly didn't I already tell you? Don't push yourself too hard alone!

Please, tell me!! was it you?!
DID YOU DO everything?!
AH...
THAT EVENT?
KILL?
Even kill our sibling?!!

HEY, HEY, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THAT, BUT THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT.
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THAT CASE?
It was on the last day of Shirohato Park...
One of the children at Shirohato Park went missing
YOU
REALLY DID...

The adults decided that they shouldn't agitate the children, so in the end, they didn't tell us about it



were returning home or being taken away or moving to another institution, it was chaotic

But we

but my parents said to keep it quiet from the other children
I coincidentally found out about that case from a newspaper article...

AFTER THAT, THEY DIDN'T FIND THE MISSING CHILD

THAT'S WHY THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW THAT HE'S MISSING.
WELL, HIS NAME DIDN'T POP UP IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN US AFTER THAT, ANYWAY

THEY THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS HE FELL INTO THE RIVER, WHICH WAS AT A HIGH LEVEL FROM THE RAIN NEAR THE INSTITUTION, AND SO THE INVESTIGATION WAS CUT SHORT

!!
SENDOU TAKUMI'S NAME, THAT IS...
Is that of the name of the child who died?
shake
shake
WH-WHY ...
WHY IS HE ...
Yuugo-kun?!

Why...?!
THEN, WHY DON'T YOU LOOK INTO IT? BESIDES EVERY ONE OF US BESIDES HIM CAME TO THIS SCHOOL
OH, YEAH, DIDN'T YOU GET ALONG WITH HIM? YOU AND TAKUMI
Chu
Sss

GRASP
YUUGO-KUN!!
YUUGO-KUN!!
BANG
DAMMIT!
I NOTICED IT!!
DAMMIT!
Yuugo-kun!!
THAT IT HAD TO BE TAKUMI... BUT...

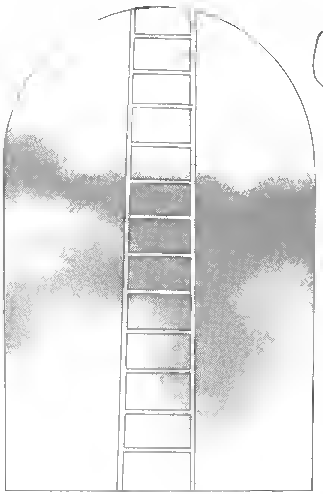
I SEE, SO YUUGO-KUN
FOUND OUT ...
Yuugo-kun!!
THAT THE ONE WHO DIED WAS TAKUMI
THOSE TWO WERE SPECIAL
EVEN THOUGH WE CAME TO SHIROHATO PARK SEPARATELY, IT LOOKED LIKE YUUGO-KUN AND TAKUMI-KUN HAD ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR AS LONG AS ANYONE CAN REMEMBER.
ALWAYS THE TWO OF THEM TOGETHER ..

BECAUSE IF YUUGO-KUN FOUND OUT, HE'D BE SHOCKED...
AND THEN?
IS THAT WHY?
IS THAT WHY YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING THE CASE?
I FOUND OUT THAT TAKUMI-KUN WAS MISSING BY READING THE NEWS AS WELL...
YUUGO-KUN LOOKED LIKE HE DIDN'T KNOW, SO I THOUGHT IT'D BE BEST IF WE KEPT IT THAT WAY...
BUT IN THE END, IT BECAME LIKE THIS. IT WASN'T LIKE I WAS PRETENDING THAT TAKUMI'S DEATH NEVER HAPPENED.
It's my fault! It's my fault...
IF NOT...
It's impossible right now but someday he'll become cheerful again, right?!
Hey! YUUGO-kun's definitely going to cheer up, right?!

THE CLOUDS ...
EH?
ARE BEAUTIFUL, AREN'T THEY?
EVEN THOUGH THEY SEEM SO CLOSE,
IT'S ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TO TOUCH THEM...
WHAT?
I don't really understand.
MAYBE THAT'S WHY
THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL...

He'll disappear ...
THEN,
WILL I BE ABLE TO TOUCH THEM IF I DO THIS?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...?
What is Kawasaki-senpai thinking?
He really
dissolved into the sky ...
and disappeared...

MEISOU KUIKI 1 END



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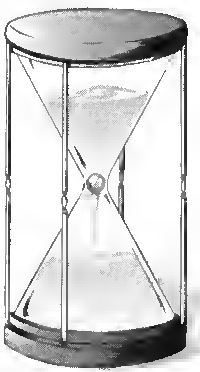
Thank you very much for reading all the way to the very end!! I'm really, really grateful! I was completely absorbed in the Meisou Kuiki that was originally serialized, but drawing what I wanted was really fun!

I'm still inexperienced, but I'll devote myself daily so I can draw something good!

After reading this manga, the question, "Is there a reason why the characters' names have numbers in them?" pops up now and then. About that it was to make it easier for readers to remember them. I thought that numbers in the titles like "Person 0" and "Person 1" would be easier to remember than normal names, but there isn't really a reason, is there...? Before I named the characters, the traces of calling them Character1 and Character2 were there, too. Inserting numbers into the names mostly wasn't when I was deciding the names.



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